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STATUS LETTER

Dear Sir:

This application was awaiting a decision on a Petition and after much delay that petition was denied on August 1, 2006, long after the date for filing the Appellant's Brief had expired. Along with that brief a request to consider the Brief as being timely filed was filed. Those papers all appear in the PARE records, but no reply to the Petition was forthcoming. Please confirm that this petition has been granted and that the Examiner's Answer will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted:

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